



Te Pūkai Tara
Universities
New Zealand

Thinking about university?

A guide for Aotearoa New Zealand
students and whānau

2026



Nau mai, piki mai, tauti mai

Welcome to *Thinking about university?* *A guide for NZ students and whānau.*

This guide provides you with an overview of each of the New Zealand universities, and what you need to do to prepare for university study.

It has a series of 'Get Ready' timelines and checklists to help you and your whānau plan ahead.

It also provides information on Scholarships, Halls of Residence, Admission and Semester Dates.

Recommended for Year 13s.



For copies of this and other resources, including up-to-date information, please visit www.thinkingaboutuni.nz

Information for international students is at:

www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/international-students

These resources have been collated by Universities New Zealand—Te Pōkai Tara.

For more information, contact us at: studentguide@universitiesnz.ac.nz

Who is Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara?

Universities New Zealand is the peak body for New Zealand's eight universities.

We are a statutory body. Under the Education and Training Act 2020, we have statutory authority for the quality assurance of academic programmes delivered in New Zealand's universities, and administering scholarships.

We are funded by New Zealand's eight universities.

Disclaimer – Although we've made every effort to ensure accuracy, we recommend you check university websites for the latest information. Universities New Zealand—Te Pōkai Tara is the representative body for New Zealand's eight universities. (Published April 2025)



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New Zealand Universities at a glance

Think of a university education as an investment that gives you options and opportunities for your future.

Why study at university?



Me aro **ENGAGE**

University is an opportunity for you to engage with leading teachers and researchers from a top 5% world-ranked university.



Me tipu **DEVELOP**

Specialist knowledge. Critical thinking, research & analytical skills. Communication, interpersonal & information technology skills.



Me whakapakari **ENHANCE**

Cultural understanding, global awareness and community involvement.



Me hono **CONNECT**

Through internships and work placements with employers and industry.



Me rongo me rapa **EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE**

Study abroad and international student exchange programmes.



Me whakahura **DISCOVER**

Student life—student groups, clubs and activities.

Studying at a university develops your professional skills along with important life skills such as analysis, critical thinking, communication and innovation. You will use these through your whole career, not just your first job.

A university is a community, offering a range of support services and facilities on campus to enable you to achieve your best, and to keep you motivated on your study journey.

Even if you are considering studying by distance, you still have access to a range of support services. Check out the map below!



Ko tēhea te whare wānanga mōu? Choosing a university

A little planning will help you make the most of the opportunities at university.

All eight New Zealand universities are ranked in the top 5% in the world and offer quality tertiary education and student support—so they're all good options!

Some things you may want to consider:

What do I love doing? What are my future goals?

Which universities offer what I want to study?

What is the vibe of the university?

Where is the campus located? Is it in a city, out of town, or close to home?

Does the university have all the facilities I'd want?

Is there university accommodation - Halls of Residence?

What student support services are available?

Ka ako i te aha, ka ako ki hea?

What to study and where?

Universities offer a wide range of subjects to study at undergraduate level. The main undergraduate qualification is called a bachelor's degree and the subject you choose to specialise in is called your major.

We've put together a list of degrees and majors offered at each of New Zealand's eight universities to help you decide what to do and where to go.



Download a copy from our website
www.thinkingaboutuni.nz

This guide shows all the major subjects on offer at each university.

Go through the list of qualifications (page 6 onwards) and highlight anything of interest.

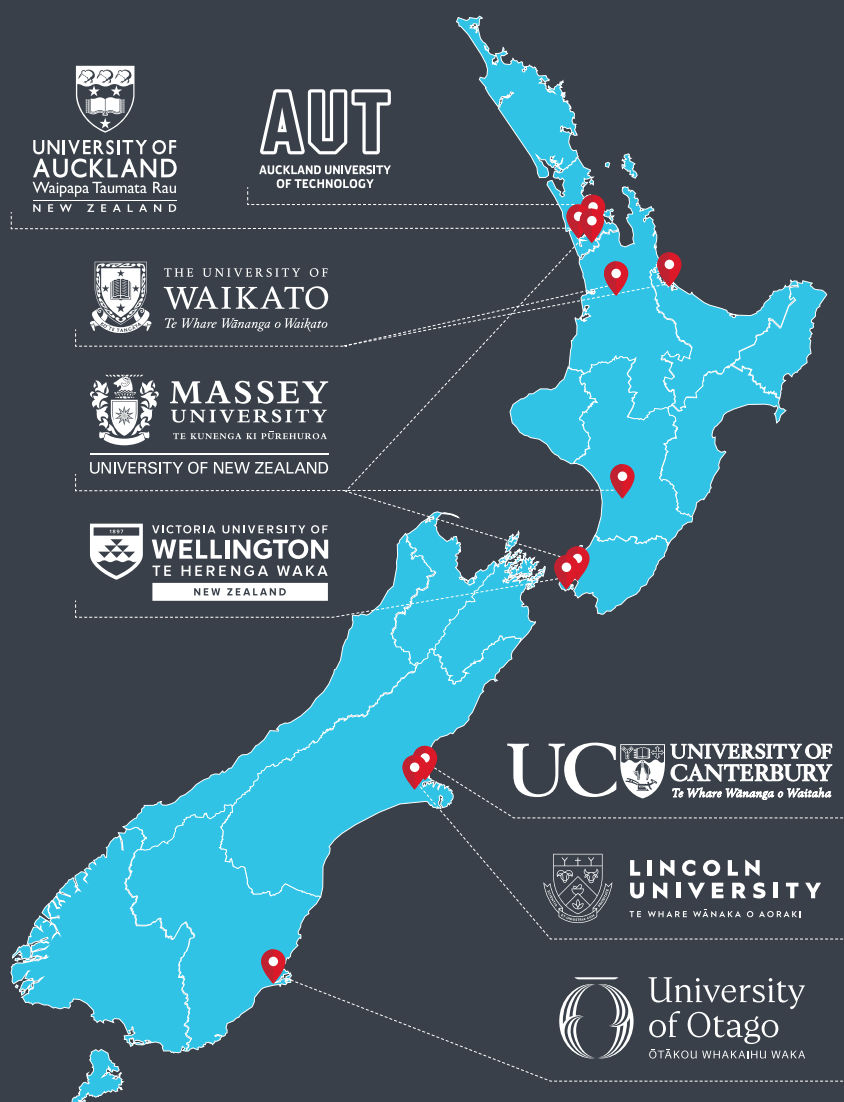
Check which university offers the qualification or major subject, head to their website and type in the name of the subject in the search bar – you'll get full programme details.

Check for that programme's entry requirements.

Recommended for Year 11 – Year 13s.

Nei ngā whare wānanga o te motu

Introducing New Zealand Universities





Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland

New Zealand's leading university

Main campus: Auckland City

Other campuses: Newmarket, Grafton, Leigh Marine Laboratory, Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga (Manukau) and Te Papa o te Tai Tokerau (Whangārei).

The University of Auckland is ranked as New Zealand's leading university, with degrees that are world-class and internationally recognised.

Auckland's research-led programmes attract a high calibre of teaching professionals. You will learn from people who are passionate about their chosen fields.

Faculties

Arts and Education	Business and Economics
Engineering and Design	Law
Medical and Health Sciences	Science

Research centres and institutes

Auckland Bioengineering Institute	Centre for Co-Created Ageing Research
Liggins Institute	Centre for Pacific and Global Health
Centre for Brain Research	James Henare Māori Research Centre
Centre for Cancer Research	MĀPIHI: Māori and Pacific Housing Research Centre
Centre for Climate, Biodiversity & Society	

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Student Hubs - auckland.ac.nz/en/students/student-hubs



Student population

Total (EFTS)	36,540
Total (Students)	47,015
Pre-degree	2,155
Undergraduate	25,855
Postgraduate	20,375
Domestic	36,735
International	10,280
Māori	3,180
Pacific	4,220
Part-time*	11,570
Full-time*	25,165

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

Numbers have been rounded for confidentiality reasons.

Ākonga Māori

Tū ake i te kei o te waka mātauranga. Tū ake nei i Waipapa Taumata Rau. Nau mai, haere mai.

The City Campus is home to two marae, Waipapa and Tūtahi Tonu. As well, Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga campus (Manukau) and Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau in Whangārei provide a home away from home for tauira Māori.

The City Campus also has He Āhuru Mōwai, a dedicated support centre for tauira Māori that provides information and culturally responsive assistance, including academic guidance, advice on scholarships, and pastoral well-being services.

Tuākana is the university-wide learning community for enhancing the success of tauira Māori, offering study wānanga, whakawhanaungatanga and workshops.

Ngā Tauira Māori is the Māori Students' Association at the University. It is responsible for advocating for a better student experience for tauira Māori.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Māori, Tuākana

www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/maori-students

tinyurl.com/tuakana-at-UoA



Pacific students

Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Fakatalofa atu, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Halo olaketa, Ia orana, Mauri, Aloha, Mālō ni, Hafa adai.

The Fale Pasifika is the centre of the University's Pacific community on the City Campus. Our Tai Tonga campus in Manukau also allows Pacific students to access study spaces and support services in the heart of the South Auckland community, and undertake preparatory courses for degree-level study.

The Pacific Student Success team in the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific oversees a range of student support services, including guidance with entry, enrolment, scholarship opportunities and pastoral care.

Tuākana is the university-wide learning community for enhancing the success of Pacific students, offering fonotaga and workshops.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Pacific, Tuākana

www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/student-support/personal-support/support-pacific-students





TE WĀNANGA ARONUI
O TĀMAKI MAKAU RAU

Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

One of the world's best modern universities

Main campus: Auckland City

Other campuses: North Shore and Manukau

Auckland University of Technology (AUT) is one of the world's best modern universities. AUT is where talent meets opportunity, and we're proud of the success of our students and graduates, in Aotearoa and around the world.

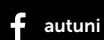
Over the past 25 years, AUT has built a reputation as New Zealand's most diverse and vibrant university; a place of accessible and transformative learning, and outstanding researchers, networks and partnerships.

With an AUT degree you'll graduate with a qualification that is widely regarded, and with valuable experiences and industry connections for your future. It's a university where you'll develop the skills for a rewarding career in a wide range of industries and professions, learn in classes that are often smaller than at other universities, and take courses that encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and the ability to explore new technologies, challenge routine thinking and make a positive difference.

Faculties

Business, Economics & Law Culture & Society
Design & Creative Technologies Health & Environmental Sciences
Māori & Indigenous Development

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Student population

Total (EFTS)	19,275
Total (Students)	25,870
Pre-degree	1,365
Undergraduate	17,475
Postgraduate	7,545
Domestic	20,945
International	4,930
Māori	2,460
Pacific	3,895
Part-time*	6,325
Full-time*	14,620

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

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Ākonga Māori

E hunga pikoko ki te mātauranga, nau mai piki mai ki te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau.

Our marae Ngā Wai O Horotiu is located at Waihorotiu (City) Campus and serves as a whānau, cultural, and spiritual centre for the university.

We have programmes and activities across the university dedicated to ākonga Māori achievement and success.

Our Pou Māori | Māori Centre is an Iwi-Māori focussed service who partner with ākonga Māori to provide support with ako/learning, kupu āwhina/ advice, pūtea/finances, wāhi/spaces and kaupapa Māori events and activities. They are here to tautoko – from before ākonga arrive at AUT through to graduation and beyond.

Titahi ki Tua (TKT) is the ākonga Māori rōpū at AUT. They offer ākonga a network where they can come together to share ideas and identity, socialise, and meet other ākonga Māori, all within a supportive marae-based environment.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora te iwi.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:

Māori, Māori student support

www.aut.ac.nz/maori



Pacific students

Warm Pacific greetings!

AUT offers comprehensive support for our diverse Pacific communities.

Our Student Hub is always a good place to start if you are looking for support and advice with your studies, health, welfare and anything else on life as a student.

Our Office of Pacific Advancement oversees a range of Pacific-focused student engagement activities. Through our Oceanian Leadership Network, you can access initiatives that focus on leadership development and academic, cultural and social support.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:

Pacific, Pacific Support

www.aut.ac.nz/pacific





THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

The University of Waikato

Ko Te Tangata, For the People

Main campus: Hamilton **Other campus:** Tauranga

University of Waikato graduates are known for making a big difference in the world around them and we look forward to helping you do the same. Our students have a desire to make their mark and pursue a career with purpose.

Our flexible degree structures mean you can study a broad range of subjects to shape a qualification that matches your strengths and career interests. You'll gain hands-on experience through our work-integrated learning programme, giving you a competitive edge with potential future employers and helping you stand out from the crowd as you start your career.

Hamilton campus

Our Hamilton campus sits on 65 hectares of stunning grounds complete with cafés, lakes, vibrant Boon Street artworks and accommodation.

Tauranga campus

Our Tauranga campus, which opened in 2019, has enhanced the range of qualifications available to students in one of New Zealand's most sought-after locations. The CBD campus offers a modern learning environment where students, researchers, the community and industry can work together.

Divisions

Arts, Law, Psychology & Social Sciences

Management

STEM - Computing and Mathematical
Sciences, Engineering and Science

Health

Māori & Indigenous Studies

Education

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Student population

Total (EFTS)	11,360
Total (Students)	15,335
Pre-degree	1,150
Undergraduate	9,450
Postgraduate	5,315
Domestic	11,310
International	4,025
Māori	2,885
Pacific	1,005
Part-time*	3,895
Full-time*	7,420

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New
Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

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confidentiality reasons.

Ākonga Māori

Māori students make up a quarter of our student population, so are visible and actively engaged in all aspects of university life. We have lots of initiatives to support our taura Māori, including Te Kāhui Pīrere transition-to-university programme, Te Āhurutanga leadership programme, Māori mentors, scholarships and awards.

Both Waikato campuses offer the only full immersion te reo Māori diploma at a university, Te Tohu Paetahi, which has helped revitalise te reo Māori for 30 years. Our Māori academic staff are internationally recognised leaders in Indigenous knowledge, so you'll be learning from the best.

Our Rōpū Māori are active across campus, leading events that bring new and returning students together, connecting you into the whānau, from the moment you arrive on campus and attend the pōwhiri.

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:
Māori, Māori Student Support



Pacific students

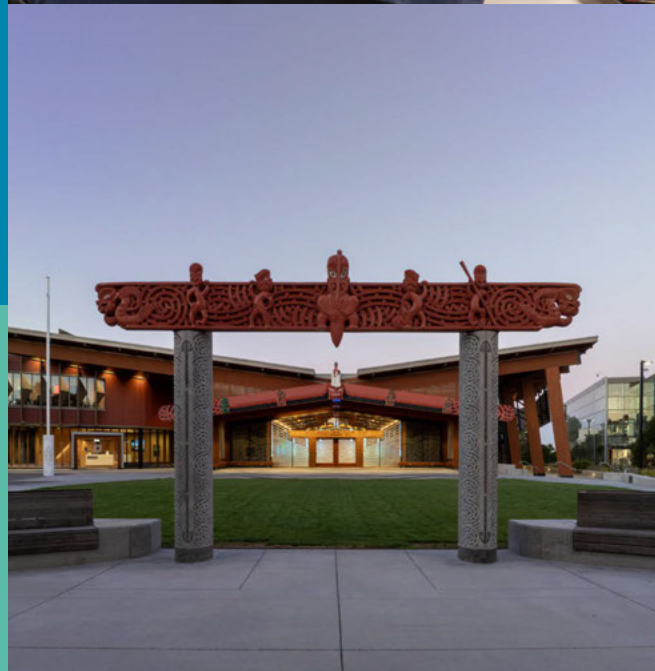
Kia orāna, mālō e lelei, tālofa lava, fakaalofa lahi atu, ni sa bula vinaka, tālofa nī, halo olaketa, ko na mauri, tālofa, aloha and warm Pacific greetings.

This includes our Imua initiative, which supports Pacific students in the transition to university, and our Pacific Excellence Scholarship.

We have many Pacific student associations you can join, and the 'Conch' on the Hamilton campus is a space for you to enjoy fono, seminars, workshops, social gatherings and community events.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:
Pacific, Pacific Support

www.waikato.ac.nz/students/pacific-support



Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University

New Zealand's defining university

Main campus: Manawatū (Palmerston North)

Other campuses: Ōteihā (Auckland), Pukeahu (Wellington) and Distance

Massey University is a world leader in many academic disciplines and research fields, consistently ranked in the top 3% of universities internationally (QS World University Rankings). Massey is a leading university in Agriculture, Aviation, Animal Science, Communication, Design and Media Studies, Development Studies, Food Technology, Horticulture, and Veterinary Sciences. We are also home to the largest School of Psychology in Aotearoa and graduate the most clinical psychologists in the country.

As pioneers in Online and Distance Education, we offer flexible ways to study—face-to-face, distance learning, or a hybrid of both—making it a popular choice for New Zealand's high-performance athletes.

With our award-winning teachers, well-connected lecturers, world-renowned researchers, dedicated support staff, and strong focus on work-integrated learning, Massey provides the ideal environment for academic and career success.

Massey is committed to being a Te Tiriti o Waitangi-led university, demonstrating authentic leadership in contemporary Aotearoa New Zealand.

Colleges

Creative Arts

Health

Humanities and Social Sciences

Sciences

Massey Business School

School of Aviation

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 [masseyuniversity](https://youtube.com/masseyuniversity)



Student population

Total (EFTS)	15,950
Total (Students)	25,945
Pre-degree	1,820
Undergraduate	13,670
Postgraduate	10,935
Domestic	21,020
International	4,925
Māori	3,145
Pacific	1,515
Part-time*	11,780
Full-time*	9,240

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

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Ākonga Māori

Piki mai, kake mai, nau mai, haere mai ki Te Kunenga Ki Pūrehuroa.

Massey University's Tiriti-led strategy has revived a focus on providing cultural, pastoral and academic support to support Ākonga Māori. This includes Te Rau Tauawhi, the Māori Student Centre, with a team dedicated to helping taura navigate university life and succeed.

Te Pūtahi-a-Toi, the School of Māori Knowledge, is the cultural heart of the Manawatū campus, while the Pukeahu Marae development project will provide an exciting cultural and learning space at the Wellington campus.

Taura Māori are well supported on each campus and Māori student advisers are available to help with enrolment and career advice.

Te Rau Puawai Workforce Programme provides bursaries and incredibly successful learning support for students in the field of Māori mental health.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:

Māori, Māori student advisers

www.massey.ac.nz/māorimassey

Meta: @MaoriMassey



Pacific students

Kia orana, Ni sa bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Tālofa lava, Mālō ni, Mālō e lelei, Fakatalofa atu, Kam na bane ni mauri.

At Massey University we are committed to providing Pacific students with a strong sense of community, offering a fale (dedicated hub) for students to gather and study and support each other at each campus.

We have strong support networks to empower you to succeed and offer a range of support including academic advice and tutoring, mentoring and a safe place to talanoa with Pacific students and staff.

Pacific recruitment advisors are also available to help you transition into tertiary study at Massey University by assisting you with the enrolment process and advice on scholarships and other funding.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Pacific Students

www.massey.ac.nz/pacific

Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington

The university for a better world

Main campus: Wellington Te Whanganui-a-tara

As a student at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, you'll be connected to a welcoming, supportive, and collaborative community.

Te Herenga Waka is renowned for its high-quality research and exceptional teaching. It's a place where students discover what they want to do with their lives.

Our university campus spans Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington—the creative, scientific, and political centre of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our students live in a beautiful and diverse city, full of leaders, achievers, entrepreneurs, creators, thinkers, dreamers, doers, and lovers of life.

As well as picking up skills that make them confident and independent individuals, our students often fall in love with Wellington as a place to live. Whether you stay in our halls of residence or choose other accommodation options, Wellington is a city in which you can make friends easily, find your community, and quickly feel at home.

Perhaps you already have a career direction in mind, or you're looking to explore your passions and discover the subjects that inspire you—know that you'll find a path that's right for you here. We offer a flexible degree structure and a range of study options, helping you to create the perfect academic experience.

Faculties


Architecture and Design Innovation Humanities and Social Sciences

Education, Health, and Psychological Sciences

Science and Engineering Law

Wellington School of Business and Government

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 [vicuniwgtn](https://www.tiktok.com/@vicuniwgtn)

 [vicuniwgtn](https://www.instagram.com/vicuniwgtn)



Student population

Total (EFTS)	17,440
Total (Students)	20,880
Pre-degree	440
Undergraduate	14,050
Postgraduate	6,885
Domestic	17,725
International	3,160
Māori	2,310
Pacific	1,330
Part-time*	5,260
Full-time*	12,465

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

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Ākonga Māori

Nau mai, haere mai! Did you know that in late 2024, we opened the doors of Ngā Mokopuna, the latest addition to our marae complex? Ngā Mokopuna is an extraordinary living building, and a transformative learning and teaching space that fosters Indigenous knowledge and innovation. Besides being a venue for lectures, tutorials and other teaching activities, Ngā Mokopuna hosts events, cultural exchanges, and daily lunches for students and staff. It also houses the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori and Kaitiakitanga, Te Kawa a Māui, Toitūroa—Sustainability Office, and Āwhina, our Māori student support team that works across all campuses and provides culturally safe, positive, and holistic care and advice for ākonga Māori (Māori students). The reopening of our marae, which includes the first wharehau to be housed within a university in Aotearoa, was a major cause for celebration. Our marae represents the iho, or essence, of our Māori identity at the University. It is a place where people from around the country and beyond can 'hitch their canoes' and find shelter.

The university has a wide range of other services to support Māori students. Our Kaitawaka—Māori Advisers in Te Kahupapa—Future Students team, help with admission and enrolment information, course planning, and queries about accommodation, grants and scholarships. The Māori Learning Adviser at Te Taiako—Student Learning also offers one-on-one sessions and workshops to help students develop writing, study and assignment skills. The Kairauhi Māori—Māori Subject Librarian specialises in providing study support with a kaupapa Māori focus. Ngāi Tauira, the Māori students' association, represents the interests of all tauira Māori at the university, and runs a range of social and cultural events

www.wgtn.ac.nz/maori-at-victoria



Pacific students

Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Fakatalofa atu, Kam na mauri, Gud de tru, Kaselehlie, Halo olgeta, Ia orana, Aloha mai e, Noa'ia, Kia ora, and warm Pasifika greetings! At Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor Pasifika is here to ensure the success of all Pasifika students and Pasifika staff, ensuring their enrolment, enjoyment, and successful completion of studies.

Our Pasifika Student Success team includes Pasifika engagement advisers within each faculty who provide support and advice to students, like referrals, holistic support, specialised study sessions, exam preparation, cultural guidance and pastoral care.

We have a strong group of Pasifika staff across the university who support the Pasifika Student Council and various Pasifika associations. This gives us a strong Pasifika student voice and contributes to our thriving Pasifika community.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika



Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury

**Engaged, Empowered, Making a Difference
Tangata Tū, Tangata Ora**

Main campus: Ōtautahi Christchurch

Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC) is a future-focused, globally recognised university that empowers students beyond traditional learning. At UC, students discover their potential, build meaningful connections, and develop the skills to make a positive impact in a changing world. Graduating from UC means becoming an integral part of our alumni whānau—more than 145,000 innovators driving change worldwide.

Faculties

Toi Tangata | Arts

Ako | Education

Pūhanga | Engineering

Pūtaiao | Science

Umanga | Business

Ture | Law and Criminal Justice

Oranga | Health

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 [ucnz](https://www.snapchat.com/add/ucnz)

 新西 坎特伯雷大学



Student population

Total (EFTS)	17,925
Total (Students)	22,080
Pre-degree	760
Undergraduate	12,560
Postgraduate	9,490
Domestic	19,525
International	2,550
Māori	2,110
Pacific	685
Part-time*	4,740
Full-time*	14,785

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

Numbers have been rounded for confidentiality reasons.

Ākonga Māori

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha. UC Māori offers support, advice and guidance for all ākonga Māori studying at UC.

Our initiatives focus on supporting ākonga Māori to succeed academically, while encouraging personal growth and connection to the Māori community and culture.

Manaakitanga is important to us. Whether you are thinking about university study or enrolling for the first time, UC Māori can provide you with guidance and support to ensure the study pathway you choose is right for you. We will continue to support you through to the completion of your chosen degree, and offer a range of services and initiatives designed to help you succeed:

- Academic support and guidance.
- Manaaki atu, manaaki mai — pastoral care, support and guidance
- Events and outreach to connect and celebrate ākonga Māori at UC and in the community
- Paihere — our UC Māori Tuākana-Tāina mentoring and leadership programme

Tōia Mai — a noho marae experience for first year ākonga Māori

Te Akatoki Māori Students' Association also offers many social activities.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Māori, Tuākana Tāina

www.canterbury.ac.nz/support/akonga-maori



Pacific students

Talofa lava, mālō e lelei, kia orana, ni sa bula vinaka, halo, namaste, mauri, mahalo, fakaalofa lahi atu, mālō ni, kia ora and warm Pacific greetings.

Pacific support services have been designed to ensure Pacific students get the most out of their studies. The Pacific Development Team (PDT) are part of the Pacific Knowledge & Culture Hub (PAKC) that offers holistic care and support to Pacific students through Pacific advisors and one-to-one peer support with navigators in student's first year of study.

Additional support is offered through the PASS (Pacific Academic Solutions and Success) programmes. There are dedicated Pacific spaces onsite such as the Pacific Student Fale, providing a space for study, meetings, and tutorials.

Pacific events such as Get Fresh, Old School Dinners, Pacific Welcome Day, Jandals and Pacific Graduation celebrations all help our students connect and build a healthy sense of belonging as a valued part of the wider university community.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Pacific

www.canterbury.ac.nz/communities/pacific-students





**LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY**
TE WHARE WĀNAKA O AORAKI

Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki Lincoln University

A place to grow

Main campus: Te Waihora (Lincoln, Christchurch)

Lincoln University is a specialist university focused on the land and its people. Our students are at the heart of all we do, and our campus is celebrated for delivering an exceptional student experience.

At Lincoln we aim to equip you with a strong foundation for lifelong learning, setting you up for career success and empowering you to make a real impact in the land-based sectors.

Faculties and division

Agriculture and Life Sciences

Agribusiness and Commerce

Environment, Society and Design



Student population

Total (EFTS)	3,650
Total (Students)	5,140
Pre-degree	295
Undergraduate	1,930
Postgraduate	3,120
Domestic	3,875
International	1,260
Māori	260
Pacific	50
Part-time*	1,045
Full-time*	2,830

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

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Ākonga Māori

Nau mai, tauti mai ki Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki

Lincoln University is focused on providing excellence in the teaching and delivery options for tauira Māori, Mātauraka and Kaupapa Māori rakahau, research and engagement opportunities with iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori. Our land-based specialisation has a natural synergy with whenua, mahika kai and te taiao and our graduates are often those who provide expert advice, facilitation and development of Māori land assets both in Aotearoa and around the world. Our focus on Mahika kai also allows us to move between the revitalisation of traditional crops and foods to contemporary food innovation and technology.

At Te Whare Wānaka o Aoraki, our programmes have a specificity that allows our tauira and our alumni to show their uniqueness in the marketplace. A key service we offer tauira is connectivity to the Māori economy through internships, joint scholarships and facilitated work placements.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Māori students

www.lincoln.ac.nz/maori-ki-aoraki



Pacific students

Kia orana, Tālofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Tālofa nī, Fakatalofa atu, Halo oloketa.

Lincoln University has a longstanding association with the Pacific region and its communities, and aims to contribute to the educational and economic aspirations of Pacific people both within New Zealand and in the wider Pacific region.

Pacific students are able to engage in cultural, sporting and social activities on campus supported by the Pasifika Support Coordinator and Te Manutaki – the Māori and Pasifika Team and our Pacific Islands Student Association (LUPISA).

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH: Pasifika students

www.lincoln.ac.nz/student-support/pasifika-ki-aoraki



Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka University of Otago

'Otago' for academic excellence and outstanding experience

Main campus: Dunedin

Built on bold thinking, boundary-breaking research, and some of the best teaching in the country, the University of Otago has been at the forefront of change for over 150 years.

We're New Zealand's first university and the first choice for over 21,000 students. As the only truly residential campus in Aotearoa, our student community is unparalleled – it's no surprise people travel far and wide for the Otago experience.

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Sciences

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 [universityofotago](https://instagram.com/universityofotago)

 [universityofotago](https://spotify.com/universityofotago)

 [OtagoUniversity](https://youtube.com/OtagoUniversity)



Student population

Total (EFTS)	18,665
Total (Students)	21,150
Pre-degree	400
Undergraduate	15,965
Postgraduate	5,105
Domestic	18,615
International	2,535
Māori	2,615
Pacific	1,350
Part-time*	3,480
Full-time*	15,135

* Domestic students only

2025 data.
Source: Ministry of Education.

Custom data for Universities New
Zealand (extracted on 1 April 2025).

Numbers have been rounded for
confidentiality reasons.

Ākonga Māori

Nau mai, haere mai, ki Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.

Otago tauira Māori and their whānau have access to a wide range of support services, as well as scholarships and a dedicated School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies, Te Tumu.

The Māori Centre—Te Huka Mātauraka offers a home away from home for tauira Māori, from pre-enrolment, Turāka Hou—Māori Orientation—through to pre-graduation celebrations, graduation and beyond.

Te Rōpū Māori o Te Whare Wānanga o Otago is the Māori Students' Association.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:

Māori, Māori Centre

www.otago.ac.nz/maoricentre



Pacific students

Kia Orana, Tālofa Lava, Kia Ora, Mālō e lelei, Ni sa bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Tālofa nī, Fakatalofa atu, Halo olaketa, Mauri.

The Pacific Island Centre—Te Pokapū mā kā ākoka o kā Mouutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa supports Pacific students, their families and communities at Otago University.

The centre offers academic mentoring through the Taimane programme and can offer tutorial sessions. Supervised study nights are also held.

WEBSITE KEY WORD SEARCH:

Pacific, Pacific Students

www.otago.ac.nz/pacific-at-otago



Semester

	Week starting	Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland	Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	The University of Waikato	Massey University	Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington	University of Canterbury	Lincoln University	University of Otago
1	29.12.25					(Trimester 3 continues)			
2	05.01.26	Summer School 5 Jan - 18 Feb	Summer School from 5 Jan	Summer School from 5 Jan	Summer School from 5 Jan	Summer School from 5 Jan	Summer School 5 Jan - 5 Feb	Summer School 5 Jan - 5 Feb	Summer School from 5 Jan
3	12.01.26								
4	19.01.26								
5	26.01.26								
6	02.02.26								
7	09.02.26			Exams 9-13 Feb	Exams 9-13 Feb	Enrolment completion			Exams 14-19 Feb
8	16.02.26	Exams 16-18 Feb					Semester One begins	Semester One begins	
9	23.02.26		Semester One begins		Semester One begins	Trimester One begins			Semester One begins
10	02.03.26	Semester One begins		Trimester A begins					
11	09.03.26								
12	16.03.26								
13	23.03.26								
14	30.03.26	Mid-semester break (Easter) 3-17 April	Mid-semester break (Easter) 3-17 April	Mid-trimester break (Easter) 3-17 April	Mid-semester break (Easter) 3-17 April		Mid-semester break (Easter) 30 March - 17 April	Mid-semester break (Easter) 30 March - 17 April	Mid-semester break (Easter) 3-10 April
15	06.04.26					Mid-trimester break (Easter) 8-17 April			
16	13.04.26								
17	20.04.26								
18	27.04.26								
19	04.05.26								
20	11.05.26								
21	18.05.26								
22	25.05.26								
23	01.06.26		Study break 1-19 June Exams 1-19 June		Study break 2-5 June	Study break 2-4 June Exams 5-20 June	Study break 1-7 June	Study break 1-7 June	Exams 3-17 June
24	08.06.26	Study break 8-10 June Exams 11-29 June		Study break 8-12 June	Exams 8-19 June		Exams 8-20 June	Exams 8-20 June	
25	15.06.26			Exams 15-26 June					Mid-year break 18 June - 10 July
26	22.06.26		Inter-semester break 22 June-10 July		Mid-year break 22 June-10 July	Mid-year break 22 June-3 July			

Dates 2026


Week starting	Waipapa Taumata Rau, University of Auckland	Auckland University of Technology (AUT)	The University of Waikato	Massey University	Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington	University of Canterbury	Lincoln University	University of Otago
27 29.06.26	Inter-semester break 30 June - 18 July		Mid-year break 29 June - 10 July					
28 06.07.26					Trimester Two begins			
29 13.07.26		Semester Two begins	Trimester B begins	Semester Two begins		Semester Two begins	Semester Two begins	Semester Two begins
30 20.07.26	Semester Two begins							
31 27.07.26								
32 03.08.26								
33 10.08.26								
34 17.08.26					Mid-trimester break 17-28 Aug			
35 24.08.26		Mid-semester break 24 Aug-4 Sept	Mid-trimester break 24 Aug-4 Sept	Mid-semester break 24 Aug-4 Sept		Mid-semester break 24 Aug-6 Sept	Mid-semester break 24 Aug-6 Sept	Mid-semester break 29 Aug-4 Sept
36 31.08.26	Mid-semester break 31 Aug-11 Sept							
37 07.09.26								
38 14.09.26								
39 21.09.26								
40 28.09.26								
41 05.10.26								
42 12.10.26					Study break 12-15 Oct Exams 16 Oct-7 Nov			
43 19.10.26		Study break and Exams 19 Oct - 6 Nov	Study break 19-23 Oct	Study break 19-23 Oct		Study break 19-25 Oct	Study break 19-25 Oct	Exams 19 Oct - 7 Nov
44 26.10.26	Study break 27-28 Oct Exams 29 Oct-16 Nov		Exams 27 Oct-6 Nov	Exams 27 Oct-9 Nov		Exams 27 Oct-7 Nov	Exams 27 Oct-7 Nov	
45 02.11.26								
46 09.11.26						Summer School begins	Summer School begins	Summer School begins
47 16.11.26			Trimester C begins	Summer School begins 16 Nov	Trimester Three begins 16 Nov			
48 23.11.26		Summer School begins 23 Nov						
49 30.11.26								
50 07.12.26								
51 14.12.26								
52 21.12.26								





Ngā Tohu Qualifications

Think of a university education as an investment that gives you options and opportunities for your future.



NZQCF Level	Qualification Type
1 - 6	Certificates
5 - 6	Diplomas
7	Bachelor's degrees Graduate diplomas and certificates
8	Postgraduate diplomas and certificates Bachelor's degrees with Honours
9	Master's degrees
10	Doctorates

University preparation programmes (New Zealand Qualifications Framework and Credentials Levels 4/5)

All universities have foundation pathways for students who need further English language, academic and study skills preparation before undertaking undergraduate study. Foundation programmes generally run for up to one year of full-time study.

Bachelor's degree (NZQCF Level 7)

Normally takes three years (full-time) and consists of a prescribed number of papers or courses. Typically, a bachelor's degree offers a great deal of flexibility and the opportunity for students to choose a programme appropriate for them.

Bachelor's degree with honours (NZQCF Level 8)

An integrated four-year programme requiring more specialised study in the chosen major subject and frequently involving some independent research or investigation. You can also later choose to do a one-year programme of honours study following a standard bachelor's degree.

Graduate diploma / graduate certificate (NZQCF Level 7)

A graduate diploma is a one-year (full-time) course of study for graduates. Prior learning or experience in the subject matter of the diploma is not always required, giving graduates an opportunity to add a qualification in a different major subject to that of their first degree. A graduate diploma may also be used as a bridging qualification to specialist postgraduate study.

A graduate certificate is a half-year (full-time) course of study.

Postgraduate diploma / postgraduate certificate (NZQCF Level 8)

A postgraduate diploma is a one-year (full-time) course of study that builds on the same subject matter in the academic field of a relevant bachelor's degree.

A postgraduate certificate is a half-year (full-time) course of study.

Masters' degree (NZQCF Level 9)

Open to those who have completed a bachelor's degree with good grades and comprises one to two years of advanced study in the student's major discipline.

Doctorate (NZQCF Level 10)

Normally the highest academic qualification available within a university. The main doctorate is the PhD (Doctor of Philosophy). This degree can be taken in any one of the wide range of subjects and involves original and sustained research under academic supervision. A PhD usually takes at least three years of full-time study.

Conjoint degrees

A specialised programme of study that enables a student to complete two bachelor's degrees in a shortened time.

Kuputaka

Glossary

Additional entry criteria

Some qualifications or courses require a special application for entry, which may involve extra processes such as an interview, academic tests, or an audition, or may require previous work experience in the subject area to enrol.

Assessment

The process by which learning is evaluated either internally on the basis of essays, reports, exercises, and tests or by a final examination at the end of the teaching period, or by a combination of both.

Co-requisite

A course which you must take at the same time (or concurrently) with another specified course.

Core course (or paper)

A course (or paper) that must be passed as part of a particular degree or diploma.

Course (or paper)

Each programme/qualification consists of a number of courses (or papers). A typical course includes lectures, assignments, tests, and exams; and either tutorials or laboratories.

When you pass a course the points are credited towards your degree.

Course (or paper) outline

A course (or paper) outline provides details about the content, reading and assessment requirements for that course.

Cross-crediting

Cross-crediting is where credit is shared between qualifications. In many cases this enables you to complete two degrees (a double degree) in a shorter timeframe.

Distance study

Some degrees offer the option to study 'By Distance', which means you can complete some courses (or sometimes the entire programme) off campus from any location through online study.

Electives

Electives are courses you can take as part of your qualification, but which are not compulsory. Certain guidelines are usually provided on courses you may take, which are outlined in the course description.

Elective courses contribute to the overall qualification, but not to your major or specialisation.

Lectures

The main method of teaching at university. These are classes held at prescribed times for each course. The university timetable outlines when each lecture is held for each course.

Level

Courses are taught at different levels that reflect the difficulty and the degree of advancement of the course. For example, 100-level courses are generally taken in the first year of a Bachelor's degree.

Pre-requisite

A prerequisite is a course that you must pass before you can do another, usually more advanced course.

Semester (or Trimester)

A small group-learning session. Learning is primarily through less formal, smaller regular classes in which material from lectures and readings can be discussed in more detail.

Tutorials

A small group-learning session. Learning is primarily through less formal, smaller regular classes in which material from lectures and readings can be discussed in more detail and provide the opportunity for you to raise questions about the lectures and assignments. In some courses attendance and participation in tutorials is part of the assessment process and will contribute to your final grade.

Me whakarite koe

Get ready

Mei
MAY



Get planning

Key contacts:

University Admissions Office

- ✓ Make sure you're on track to get University Entrance (UE).
- ✓ Not doing NCEA? Get information on other pathways into university.
- ✓ Check the universities' application deadlines (some programmes have earlier closing dates than others).
- ✓ Attend a 'Careers Expo' - check to see if there is one in your region!

Hune
JUN



Get connected

Key contacts:

University Liaison or Recruitment Officers

- ✓ Attend a university visit at your school.
- ✓ Go to a University Open Day—take a university tour, experience a university lecture, talk with students taking courses to hear about their experiences.

Hūrae
JUL



Get applying

Key contacts:

University Admissions Office

- ✓ Check (and double-check) the entry requirements for the courses you're applying for.

Some courses have specific requirements in addition to UE.
- ✓ See the 'Get in' section of our website for more details on what you'll need when applying.

Ākuhata
AUG



Get a room

Key contacts:

Accommodation & Halls of Residence

- ✓ Tour the facilities.
- ✓ Check application deadlines.
- ✓ See info on Halls of Residence on our website.

Get advice

Key contacts:

Future Student Advisers

- ✓ Attend a university visit at your school.
- ✓ Go to a University Open Day.
- ✓ Check out a university prospectus.
- ✓ Universities have lots of supporting guides as well: information for parents / accommodation guides / Māori student guides / Pacific student guides / budgeting & financial planning guides.

Get a scholarship

Key contacts:

University Scholarships Office

Universities and other organisations offer a wide range of scholarships for university study.

There are scholarships to support: Academic achievement / Māori students / Pacific students / students with disabilities / financial hardship / Sport and cultural achievement / Specific subjects.

If you're of Māori descent, make sure you check to see if your iwi offers education scholarships. See the information on scholarships on our website (www.thinkingaboutuni.nz) and also:

- **Generosity** www.generosity.org.nz
- **Māori Education Trust** www.maorieducation.org.nz/scholarships
- **Universities New Zealand undergraduate scholarships** www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships

Lots of scholarships are available.
Whānau should really encourage their rangatahi to apply.

Deciding to go to university may seem a little daunting for you (and your whānau!) so we have put together a timeline full of info so you can get your studies off to a great start!

Noema
NOV



Get funded

Key contacts:
StudyLink & Fees Free websites

- ✓ Try to apply by 16 December to help get your correct payments on time, even if you haven't finalised where or what you're studying.
- ✓ See the StudyLink info on our website and the StudyLink website www.studylink.govt.nz
- ! **Fees Free**
From 2025, Fees Free covers the final year of study or training for the first provider-based qualification or work-based programme an eligible learner completes.
www.feesfree.govt.nz/final-year

Tihema
DEC



Get accepted

Key contacts:
University Admissions Office

- ✓ **Conditional offer of place**
Universities may make you a conditional offer before your school results are released.
- ✓ **Formal offer of place**
Universities will send a formal offer once school results are released.
- ✓ **Accepting or declining an offer of place**
The university will send you information about accepting or declining an offer of place.

Hānuere
JAN



Get underway

Key contacts:
University Student Association

- ✓ **Orientation Week (O Week)** is where you'll meet new people and be introduced to the campus, its support teams and services. There are lots of fun things like concerts and club events.
- ✓ **Clubs Day** is where you'll find out about the clubs on campus. Sign up to a wide range of sport teams and academic, cultural or social groups.
- ✓ **All students** may be invited to attend a Pōwhiri or another formal welcoming.

Pēpuere
FEB



Get it sorted

Key contacts:
University Admissions Office

- ✓ **Changing your enrolment**
You can drop, swap or add a course for a limited time at the start of each semester.

Check the change of enrolment deadlines or you'll be charged for the courses you want to drop.

You can apply to as many NZ universities as you want!

This means you'll have more time to decide which university is right for you.

Get a Job

Key contacts:
Student Job Search & NZUni Talent

- ✓ If you're going to need a job to help with costs at university, check out **Student Job Search** www.sjs.co.nz
- ✓ Also look at **NZUni Talent**, an online tool to find work www.nzunitalent.ac.nz





Te whakaurau mai

Getting in:

University Admission

How do you get into university?

A range of pathways are available.

Check the next couple of pages for info on admission pathways including leaver qualifications.

If you need further support, contact a university.

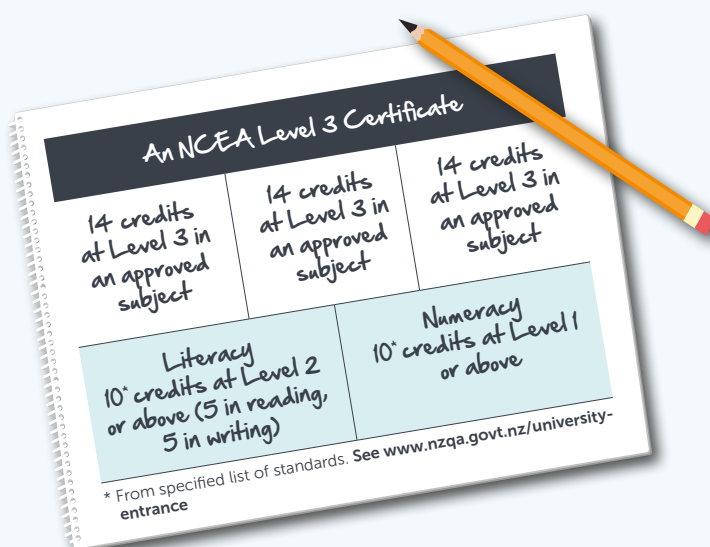
University Entrance through NCEA

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum standard for entrance to a New Zealand university.

To qualify you'll need:

NCEA Level 3

- ✓ Three subjects at NCEA Level 3, made up of:
 - 14 credits each in three approved subjects.
- ✓ Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
 - 5 credits in reading.
 - 5 credits in writing.
- ✓ Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
 - Co-requisite Level 1 numeracy unit standard (US 32406) or Te Pāngarau unit standard (US 32412) or,
 - Certain achievement standards.



- ! Check out our 'Other admission pathways' page (p34) if you've missed out on UE.

For more information on UE, go to NZQA's website: www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea

Te Marautanga o Aotearoa

The University Entrance standard includes approved subjects and achievement standards from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. Visit NZQA's website for more information: www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-secondary-quals/university-entrance/tmoa-ue-subjects/

Other school-leaver qualifications

Universities also accept other school-leaver qualifications for admission to an undergraduate degree.

Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE)

To be eligible for admission, candidates must achieve the following:

Part A

- A minimum of 120 points on the New Zealand CAIE Tariff (refer table) at A or AS Level from any syllabus groups broadly equivalent to those in the list of approved subjects for NCEA

AND

- A D grade or better in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups (excluding Thinking Skills).

Part B

Literacy and numeracy must be satisfied as follows:

Literacy

EITHER

An E grade or better in any one of AS English Language, English Language and Literature, English Literature or English General Paper. A D grade or better will satisfy one of the syllabus requirements of Part A.

OR

As prescribed for University Entrance with NCEA.

Numeracy

EITHER

A D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE mathematics

OR

Any mathematics passed at AS Level. A 'D' grade or better will satisfy one of the syllabus requirements of Part A.

OR

As prescribed for University Entrance with NCEA.



Grade	A Level	AS Level
A*	140	N/A
A	120	60
B	100	50
C	80	40
D	60	30
E	40	20

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Completion of the Diploma (minimum of 24 points).

An IB Diploma completed with English as Language A1 at either Higher or Standard Level and including any mathematics subject satisfies the literacy and numeracy requirements for University Entrance.

New Zealand Certificate in Steiner Education (Level 3)

A completed Steiner School Certificate Level 3, including 9 points in each of 3 approved subject areas, 8 points in literacy (4 writing/4 reading) and 9 points in numeracy.

Overseas school-leaver qualifications

Universities accept a wide range of overseas school-leaver qualifications for admission.



Check university websites for up-to-date information.

Other admission pathways

Universities also accept other school-leaver qualifications for admission to an undergraduate degree.

University preparation courses

Universities and other providers offer university preparation courses for students without University Entrance or an equivalent qualification.

- ! **Check with the university to see which courses it accepts as a suitable entry qualification.**
- ! **If you didn't get University Entrance this may be an option for you! Contact the university to find out more.**

Discretionary Entrance

If you're a New Zealand or Australian citizen (or permanent resident) who hasn't continued secondary education beyond Year 12, you can apply for Discretionary Entrance based on your Year 12 results.

You'll need to have met certain requirements in your Year 12 results, including a reference from your school principal (or another suitable person), and you may need to do an interview. Discretionary Entrance is only for admission into a specific course of study, not general admission into a university.

- ! **Check university websites for more information.**

Special Admission for students over 20 (without UE)

If you're over 20 years old and a New Zealand or Australian citizen (or permanent resident) who doesn't have a University Entrance qualification, you can apply for Special Admission.

- ! **Check university websites for Special Admission application deadlines and what you'll need to provide with your application.**
- ! **Check university websites for more information.**

Transferring students

If you're transferring from one degree to another, you can apply to have the courses you've already completed credited to your new degree.

- ! **Even if you've started your study, you can move to another institution!**



Me whakarite koe

Get sorted

Hoto Akoranga Studylink



It's important you work out how you're going to fund your study and living costs. Here's an idea about what you'll need to apply to StudyLink.

For all the details on the financial support available from StudyLink, go to studylink.govt.nz/starting-study

Student Loans

Help you to pay for your course fees (the compulsory fees charged by your education provider), study materials (e.g. books, computer) and living costs.

**Just remember it's a loan.
You'll have to pay this back.**

Student allowance

This is a weekly payment that can help with your living expenses while you're studying if you're eligible. You don't have to pay the money back BUT there are conditions.

You can apply for student loans and allowances online. Make sure you have:

- ✓ RealME account to apply online and access your My StudyLink.
- ✓ RealME verified identity.

The documents you'll need to provide for a RealME account include evidence of:

- ✓ Who you are (birth certificate or passport).
- ✓ Name change if you've changed your name.
- ✓ Your bank account number (verified).
- ✓ Your IRD number.

If you're under 18, you'll need to supply some additional information.

The StudyLink eligibility test is part of the application process. This tells you what you may be eligible for. You'll need to provide the following information:

- ✓ Course details (including start and end dates and study break period).
- ✓ Citizenship/residency details.
- ✓ Income information, if applicable.
- ✓ Parents' income information if you're under 24. If you have a child or you're over 24 and have a partner, you'll need to provide additional information. See the StudyLink website for more information.

- ✓ IRD number and tax code.

! Parents: StudyLink can only give you information about *your* part of your child's application (e.g. your income evidence) unless they have appointed you as their agent.

www.studylink.govt.nz/starting-study/thinking-about-study/information-for-parents



www.studylink.govt.nz
0800 88 99 00



www.realme.govt.nz
0800 664 774



www.ird.govt.nz
0800 775 247

Karahipi Scholarships



Scholarships are a smart way to fund your study.

You should apply for every scholarship you're eligible for and if you're considering more than one university, apply for scholarships at each of them!

Be aware you might need to provide the following supporting documentation with your application.

Finding Scholarships

Lots of scholarships are available. Whānau should really encourage their rangatahi to apply.

Each university has their own scholarship webpages. Use the search bar on the webpage to type in 'Scholarships'.

Otherwise, you can also check out the following scholarship websites.

Generosity NZ

www.generosity.org.nz/giv-me

Māori Education Trust

www.maorieducation.org.nz

Careers NZ

www.careers.govt.nz/courses/scholarships/

Universities New Zealand

www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships

Other

www.govt.nz/browse/education/tertiary-education/scholarships-grants-and-awards

www.studyspy.ac.nz/search/scholarships

Ākonga Māori

Scholarships are widely available through your iwi, waka and hapū. We encourage you to seek information via your iwi Rūnanga. Most have information online.

Scholarships Checklist

- ✓ CV.
- ✓ Headshot photo.
- ✓ Academic reference – Someone who can support your academic achievements and ambitions.
- ✓ Character reference – Someone who supports your personal qualities and non-academic achievements.
- ✓ Personal statement – write something that talks about your academic achievements, leadership roles, sporting and cultural achievements, community roles and involvement.
- ✓ Academic results (e.g., NCEA record of achievement).
- ✓ Any other scholarship requirements – e.g., verified document: teacher, kaumatua, Justice of the Peace.

Once you have these documents ready here's a few other application tips to think about!

Application Tips

- ✓ Note on your calendar the 'Opening and Closing' dates of the scholarship.
- ✓ Make sure you tailor your application to the scholarship's goals.
- ✓ Fill out all sections of the scholarship application.
- ✓ 'Edit and Proofread' your application.
- ✓ Attach all required documentation.
- ! **SUBMIT APPLICATION BY THE CLOSING DATE!**

Wharepuni

Halls of Residence



Halls of Residence (also known as residential colleges) are typically for full-time first-year students. They provide a welcoming community to help you settle into university life.

You'll pay rent for your room and in most cases this will cover, food, power and internet costs. Halls are a great place to get academic support and get involved in social events.

Applications often open around August–September so you'll need to ensure you have all the documentation ready to apply. Places are limited.

In most cases, you'll also need to pay a 'bond' or 'deposit' if you accept an offer.

A deposit will often cover things like the bond, administration fees and activities fees. A bond is an advance payment Halls of Residence ask students to pay as security to cover any unpaid rent or damage to the property.

In your Halls of Residence application, make sure you include any academic achievements and personal qualities and attributes.



Halls of Residence Checklist

You may need to provide the following information about the following as a part of your Halls of Residence application:

- ✓ CV.
- ✓ Headshot photo.
- ✓ **Personal statement – write something that talks about your academic achievements, leadership roles, sporting and cultural achievements, community roles and involvement.**
- ✓ Academic results (e.g., NCEA record of achievement).
- ✓ Details around your proposed course of study.
- ✓ Reference from your secondary school – Most schools are now required to do this through the "Online Common Confidential Reference Form".

Once you have these documents ready here's a few other accommodation application tips to think about!

Application Tips

- ✓ **Get Started on this application process EARLY!** As soon as applications for your preferred accommodation open!
- ✓ Apply to more than one hall.
- ✓ Make sure you note on your application any special requirements (e.g. medical, cultural, religious etc).

Me whakawhānui te wheako Get more experience

Akoranga kei tāwāhi Study abroad and student exchange

Experience and explore

Study abroad and student exchange programmes are an opportunity to explore and experience overseas study as part of your NZ degree.

- ✓ Earn credits towards your NZ degree.
- ✓ Graduate with international experience.
- ✓ Pay NZ tuition fees and if you're eligible continue to receive StudyLink loans or allowances (see StudyLink's website for more information: www.studylink.govt.nz).

Karahipi Rangahau o te Raumati Summer research scholarships

Explore the world of academic research

- ✓ Gain valuable research experience.
- ✓ Enhance your career opportunities.
- ✓ Develop your research skills.
- ✓ Prepare for the possibility of postgraduate study.
- ✓ Work with leading researchers.

Tūranga tauira Internships and work placements

Connect

Internships and work placements are an opportunity to connect with industry, as part of your study experience.

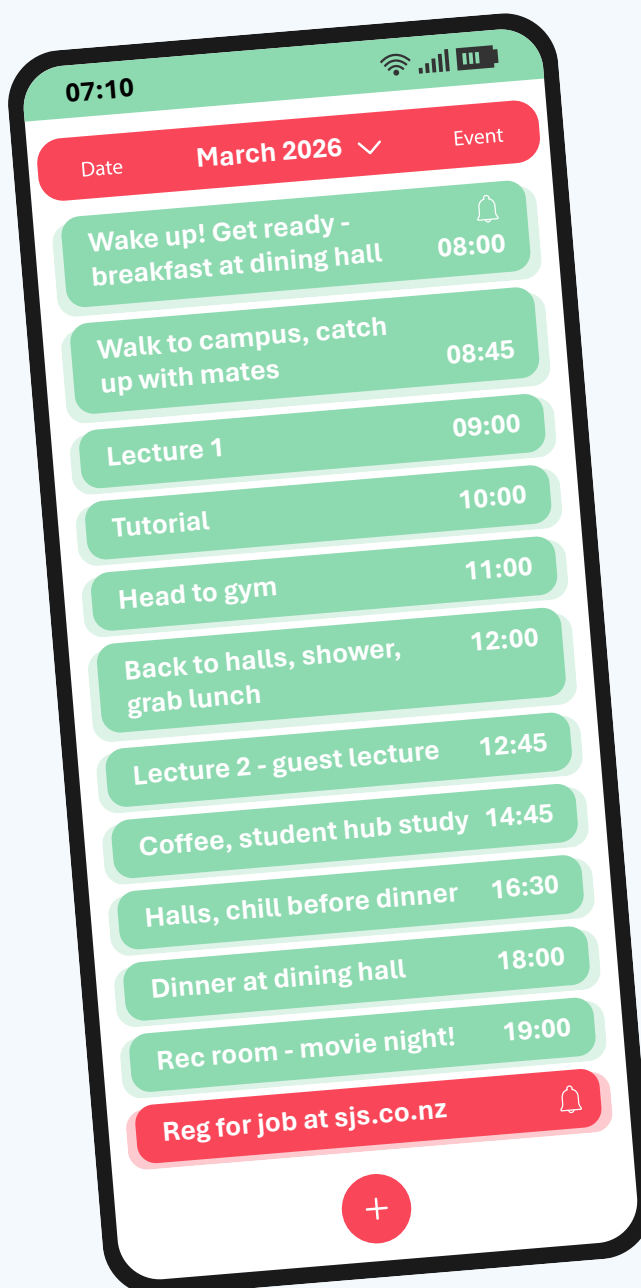
- ✓ Apply your learning to 'real-world' situations.
- ✓ Build your work history.
- ✓ Develop valuable transferable skills.

To find out more about these opportunities use these 'keywords' to search a university's website for more details. **Study Abroad | Exchange | Work Placements | Internships | Summer Research**

Te noho hei ākonga

Student life: a typical day

Let's say you're a first-year Bachelor of Education (Teaching) student living in a Halls of Residence close to campus.



Preparing for Uni study checklist

- ☐ **On track to get university entrance and completed the NCEA credits**
- ☐ **Check the universities' application deadlines and apply to the universities where you want to study and the qualifications you want to study**
- ☐ **Looked into scholarships to cover your study costs and apply**
- ☐ **Contact StudyLink to organise your student loan and / or allowance (if you need it and you're eligible)**
- ☐ **Applied for Halls of Residence or looked at other accommodation options (if you need it)**
- ☐ **Organised a budget for study costs, food, rent, travel and entertainment**
- ☐ **Updated your CV and organised any references you might need**
- ☐ **Registered with Student Job Search if you're looking for part-time work**
- ☐ **Noted orientation and course start dates**
- ☐ **Looked at transport options for getting to and from university**



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